RE: Request for clarification from s.38

From: "Guerrero, William -XDC" <william.guerrero@international.gc.ca>
To: "Johnston, Clark" <clark.johnston@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc: "Swim, Rod" <rodney.swim@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>, s.38 s.38 "McCrimmon, Bill -XDC" <bill.mccrimmon@international.gc.ca>
Date: Tue, 08 Feb 2022 18:54:42 +0000

s.38

Redactions on pages 1 and 2 of this document relate to concerns expressed to GAC by a number of diplomatic missions with offices in the downtown core. One diplomatic mission expressed that they had both specific and general security concerns that they did not feel were being addressed. While some employees could work from home, others required physical access to the office to do their work.

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I don't know if we could commit to daily update that would be of any value, and we have sent two messages recommending missions follow media and police sources for the latest developments on the ground and make plans accordingly, and to contact the appropriate police service depending on the concern (Protective vs Emergency) – that is our state-level message to this point. Will send a separate message to POAT regarding the assessment and any additional messages to be passed to missions.
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We'd be very grateful if you could check in with OPS on the question of vehicle access.
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Cheers,
Bill

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From: Johnston, Clark <Clark.Johnston@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Sent: February 8, 2022 1:00 PM
To: Guerrero, William -XDC <William.Guerrero@international.gc.ca>; s.38 s.38
Cc: Swim, Rod <Rodney.Swim@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Request for clarification from s.38
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Bill,
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Good timing on this. I had just got my email (below) proofed by Rod and was about to send it to you.
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I will include it here in full even though your messaging covers some of the points. I think the frequency and specificity of information remain issues.
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Clark
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Bill and Mike,
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I hope that this Freedom Convoy has not been to much of a grind on you. Things are starting to ramp up on our end.
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s.38 [redacted]
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Their concerns seem to be at a state level. They feel that the communications from GAC have been slow, infrequent, and too general. They would like daily updates on threats (or lack thereof). They would also like to know what will be done / what they should expect if the protest were to "come to their door". s.38 [redacted] s.38 [redacted] I do not know that has been communicated to them. A general security breakdown – such as a riot arising from enforcement action – is a concern to them.
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Rod and I believe that GAC should be the messenger and that their message should contain information obtained from the RCMP. The NHQ Protective Policing branch may be the conduit for that information.
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s.38 [redacted] have questions that are not being answered. I believe they are a bellwether mission, and that many others – s.38 [redacted] – feel this way.
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I said that I would reach back to s.38 [redacted] later today. Any direction you have would be appreciated.
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Clark
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From: William.Guerrero@international.gc.ca <William.Guerrero@international.gc.ca>
Sent: February 8, 2022 12:52 PM
To: Swim, Rod <Rodney.Swim@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Johnston, Clark <Clark.Johnston@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Cc Irrelevant [redacted] Paradis, Dominic <Dominic.Paradis@rcmp-

grc.gc.ca>; Bill.McCrimmon@international.gc.ca
Subject: RE: Request for clarification from s.38
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Good day to you both,

We're working on a message to missions in the downtown – grateful if you could review and let me know if you have any concerns. I'm also copying Dominic in case he would want to consult further or weigh in.

If you think it is needed, we can also circulate the map and/or links to the City of Ottawa's traffic map.
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Thanks,
Bill
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To the attention of :
Heads of Mission and Chargés d'affaires, a.i.
Heads of chancery and/or administration
Heads of security or security liaison officers
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With reference to the Office of Protocol's messages of February 4, 2022, and January 28, 2022, regarding ongoing demonstrations in Ottawa, we are writing to those missions located in the immediate downtown area for whom access to mission premises may be affected by these events and the measures undertaken by police to respond to this situation.
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While this situation remains fluid, missions will likely have taken note of restrictions to all non-emergency vehicles in the area immediately around Parliament Hill in downtown Ottawa. At this time, sidewalk and pedestrian access remains open for those who live or work in this area.

The Office of Protocol continues to encourage missions to monitor police and media sources for the latest information regarding these events, and to advise staff to avoid unnecessary travel through the downtown, including working from home where possible. While it is hoped that this will not be a prolonged situation, we also recognize that some critical mission functions cannot be put off indefinitely and may only be conducted from the mission itself.
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In this regard, missions with personnel who are required to fulfill a critical function that cannot be completed working remotely and who cannot access their buildings with through any other means than a personal vehicle may contact the Office of Protocol's Diplomatic Security Liaison Unit at s.38 to further discuss your concerns.
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From: Swim, Rod
Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 9:13:33 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
To: s.38

Cc: Johnston, Clark
Subject: Request for clarification from s.38

Good day POAT,

s.38

Redactions on pages 4 and 5 of this document relate to concerns expressed to GAC by a diplomatic mission whose office is located in the downtown core. The diplomatic mission was advised by building management that their vehicles may be turned away and parking may become restricted. The diplomatic mission noted that this directly affected their premises and impacted on the possibility for emergency evacuation. Without an emergency evacuation route, the diplomatic mission advised that it would not be able stay open. The diplomatic mission requested that GAC negotiate with the Ottawa Police to secure access to a parking lot for their staff.

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Thanks,
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Rod